

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-00659-EGS**

SUNLIGHT FOUNDATION et al v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
Assigned to: Judge Emmet G. Sullivan  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/08/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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**Defendant****U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
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| 03/08/2019 | <u>1</u> | COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5990284) filed by THE SUNLIGHT FOUNDATION, AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E, # <u>6</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>7</u> Summons, # <u>8</u> Summons, # <u>9</u> Summons)(Creighton, Sara) (Entered: 03/08/2019) |
| 03/08/2019 | <u>2</u> | LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by THE SUNLIGHT FOUNDATION (Creighton, Sara) (Entered: 03/08/2019)   |
| 03/08/2019 | <u>3</u> | LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Creighton, Sara) (Entered: 03/08/2019)  |
| 03/08/2019 |          | Case Assigned to Judge Emmet G. Sullivan. (zef, ) (Entered: 03/08/2019)  |
| 03/08/2019 | <u>4</u> | SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 03/08/2019)   |

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| 03/14/2019 | <u>5</u>  | STANDING ORDER: The parties are directed to read the attached Standing Order Governing Civil Cases Before Judge Emmet G. Sullivan in its entirety upon receipt. The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives in the attached Standing Order Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 03/14/19. (Attachment: # Exhibit 1) (mac) (Entered: 03/14/2019)   |
| 03/15/2019 | <u>6</u>  | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/8/2019. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/7/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 03/12/2019., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES served on 3/11/2019 (Creighton, Sara) (Entered: 03/15/2019)  |
| 03/19/2019 | <u>7</u>  | NOTICE of Appearance by Rhonda Lisa Campbell on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Campbell, Rhonda) (Entered: 03/19/2019)  |
| 04/08/2019 | <u>8</u>  | ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.(Campbell, Rhonda) (Entered: 04/08/2019)   |
| 05/08/2019 | <u>9</u>  | MEET AND CONFER STATEMENT. (Creighton, Sara) (Entered: 05/08/2019)   |
| 06/07/2019 | <u>10</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT, SUNLIGHT FOUNDATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Creighton, Sara) (Entered: 06/07/2019)  |
| 06/21/2019 | <u>11</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Campbell, Rhonda) (Entered: 06/21/2019)  |
| 06/25/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>11</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties are directed to file a further joint status report by no later than August 5, 2019. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 6/25/2019. (lcegs2) (Entered: 06/25/2019)   |
| 06/25/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER. Plaintiff brings this action pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The parties are directed to meet and confer and propose a joint scheduling order for further proceedings in this case by no later than August 5, 2019. The parties joint proposed scheduling order shall address the following: (1) The status of plaintiffs FOIA request; (2) The anticipated number of documents responsive to plaintiffs FOIA request; (3) The anticipated date(s) for release of documents responsive to plaintiffs FOIA request; (4) Whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case; (5) Whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case; (6) Whether this case would benefit from referral to a magistrate judge or the District Court Mediation Program for purposes of settlement; and (7) A proposed briefing schedule for dispositive motions, if applicable. If the parties are unable to agree on a joint recommendation, the joint proposed scheduling order shall include each party's individual recommendations. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 6/25/2019. (lcegs2) (Entered: 06/25/2019) |
| 06/25/2019 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/5/2019. (mac) (Entered: 06/25/2019)  |
| 08/05/2019 | <u>12</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT, SUNLIGHT FOUNDATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Creighton, Sara) (Entered: 08/05/2019)  |
| 08/30/2019 | <u>13</u> | STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT, SUNLIGHT FOUNDATION. (Creighton, Sara) (Entered: 08/30/2019)  |
| 08/30/2019 | <u>14</u> | STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. (Campbell, Rhonda) (Entered: 08/30/2019)  |